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EXTENSION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET REQUEST REFTEL, EMBASSY MAY ADVISE MFA THAT US CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW A STATE CAN ONLY CLAIM A THREE NAUTICAL MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND A CONTIGUOUS ZONE, INCLUDING FISHERIES
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JURISDICTION, EXTENDING NINE NAUTICAL MILES BEYOND THIS TERRITORIAL SEA, ABSENT BROAD INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. WE OPPOSE UNILATERAL EXTENSIONS OF JURISDICTION BEYOND THESE LIMITS AND NORMALLY REGISTER OUR OPPOSITION AND RESERVE OUR RIGHTS BY DELIVERY OF A PROTEST. THIS PROCEDURE WAS FOLLOWED IN THE CASE OF GHANA WITH A PRESENTATION BEING MADE ON FEBRUARY 1 OF THIS YEAR.

2. EMBASSY MAY FURTHER INFORM SOVIETS THAT OUR PRESENTATION WAS NOT ONLY BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, BUT ALSO REFERRED TO THE EFFECT OF SUCH CLAIMS ON HIGH SEAS NAVIGATIONAL FREEDOMS. WE NOTED THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF UNILATERAL CLAIMS ON REACHING AGREEMENT AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY SUCH COASTAL STATE CLAIMS FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF TUNA FISHERIES.

3. US CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IS THE BEST FORUM FOR RESOLVING OUTSTANDING OCEAN PROBLEMS, IN WHICH ACCOMMODATION IS POSSIBLE AND IN WHICH STATES WILL BEST BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS. ROGERS

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